

TO: FCC

FROM: John Emory

SUBJECT: Clear Channel attacks against bicyclist.

DATE: October 21, 2003

I would like to voice my disgust with the action Clear Channel has taken regarding the three occurrences in which DJs in three cities encouraged violence toward bicyclist.

I am 59 years old, have been married for 36 years, have two grown children, served in the U.S. Army, own my home and own my business. I am a college graduate and a Certified Public Accountant. I am also an avid bicyclist and enjoy commuting to work on a bicycle.

This blatant attack against bicyclist should not be taken lightly by Clear Channel or the FCC. It is encouraging motorists to commit felonies by attacking individuals riding bicycles.

Clear Channel tried to brush this off as entertainment and I cannot for the life of me see how attacking innocent individuals with life threatening actions can ever be considered entertainment. Clear Channel changed its course only after seeing the impact these attacks had in the bicycling community. They are now trying to say they support bicyclist by throwing some money toward bicycling advocacy groups and projects.

I would like to see the FCC take aggressive action against the Clear Channel stations that perpetrated these attacks up to and including loss of license to broadcast for a period of time. Only major financial sanctions against these stations will have a lasting impact and discourage future attacks on targeted groups of innocent citizens.

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